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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution

Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat, and Saint Kitts and Nevis

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 48/188 of 21 December 1993 and 49/22 A of 2 December 1994,

Deeply distressed by the large number of afflicted persons and the destruction wrought by hurricane Luis, which on 4 and 5 September 1995 devastated Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis,

Conscious of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of hurricane Luis,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Conscious of the prompt response being made by Governments, the bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by

the peoples and Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis;

2. Expresses its appreciation to all States of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. Urges all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis in identifying their medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and on progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries.